

Science in South Africa / Tasks

Ex. 1. Fill in the gaps using the adjectives from the list.

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1) Water from the Great Lakes is pumped to _____ regions. 2) Environmental groups are _____ of the government's claims. 3) The government is _____ for peace talks to start again soon. 4) Space probes operate in dark, cold, _____ parts of the solar system. 5) Incidentally, we often hear from clients that their good friends are _____ of their efforts. 6) Do you think there are _____ life forms on other planets? 7) If you are a public figure you can't afford to be too _____ to criticism. 8) Clark did a _____ job setting things up for the meeting. 9) The company isn't _____ of handling an order that large. 10) Nigeria is the most _____ and populous nation in black Africa. 11) Learning to work together is a _____ part of the training program. 12) Although buses are supposed to run every fifteen minutes, the _____ waiting time can be up to an hour. 13) After _____ delays, construction on the new library is due to start in two weeks. 14) There is no _____ basis for such policies. 15) Are there _____ elements of human nature that cannot be significantly altered by socialization and institutions?

Ex.2. Find in the text the words to the given definitions.

- 1) _____ - cause or accelerate something by acting as a catalyst.
- 2) _____ - to think of a new idea, plan etc and develop it in your mind.
- 3) _____ - to be so big that other things are made to seem very small.
- 4) _____ - to look very carefully at something, especially because you are having difficulty seeing it.
- 5) _____ - to give someone money, information etc when you do not really want to.
- 6) _____ - to improve something.
- 7) _____ - to take part in an activity or event.
- 8) _____ - to say that you cannot do something that you have already promised to do
- 9) _____ - to put your name on a list for something because you want to take part in it.
- 10) _____ - to increase something such as your knowledge, experience, or range of activities.

Ex. 3. Make up nouns from the given verbs and use them in the sentences.

- 1) It's sometimes hard for students to understand complex grammatical _____. (to construct)
- 2) In a joint U.S.-Mexican _____, police arrested 28 people on charges of drug-smuggling. (to operate)
- 3) You also need a feeling of coherence and _____ between your work and your beliefs. (to consist)
- 4) In _____ of the Japan Sea, scientists examined the sea bottom. (to explore)
- 5) We now know a lot more about the early stages of planetary _____. (to form)
- 6) The very _____ of the museum is threatened by lack of funding. (to exist)
- 7) His few short visits to the village caused great _____. (to excite)
- 8) Thanks to your energy and _____, the fundraiser was a great success. (to commit)
- 9) The country cannot meet the _____ on its £80 billion foreign debt. (to pay)
- 10) The police often collaborate in producing an _____ effect. (to expect)
- 11) The fate of the bill in Congress will depend on Brady's powers of _____. (to persuade)
- 12) But despite enthusiasm and hard work, _____ and disillusion are the main reward. (to disappoint)
- 13) Agreement on _____ was not reached until early 1929. (to withdraw)
- 14) Production can not be an incidental to the _____ of inequality or the provision of jobs. (to mitigate)
- 15) _____ came to him as he started to write for the second time. (to inspire)
- 16) After his speech, he shook hands and offered words of _____ to people in the crowd. (to encourage)
- 17) There's a lot of _____ on my car radio. (to interfere)